



Monroeville/Monroe County Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

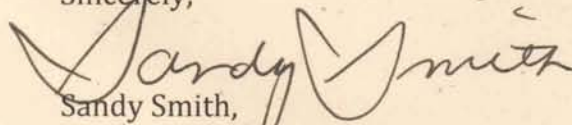
Thank you for the opportunity to provide this public comment on FCC proceeding 11-65 regarding AT&T's application to join with T-Mobile. As the Executive Director of the Monroeville/Monroe County (Alabama) Chamber of Commerce, I represent and speak for our community's business sector. Monroeville has a strong commercial sector, but the community exists as part of a larger rural community.

We know the benefit high speed wireless broadband can have on economic and community development and we are eager for those benefits to come to rural areas such as ours. Within Monroe County, there are many areas that are not served by strong wireless connections. This creates a disparity which inhibits potential development.

We are encouraged by the possibility that AT&T will merge with T-Mobile because we are confident AT&T will use its combined strength to help achieve President Obama's goal of bringing wireless broadband access to 98% of the country. High speed broadband is one of the most important economic tools available to business and economic development leaders. It levels the playing field and provides new opportunities for efficiency and productivity. It also provides a better quality of life for families and the elderly by improving connectivity and access to information.

We respectfully ask that you give your consent to this merger, and let new economic development and greater connectivity become a reality.

Sincerely,


Sandy Smith,
Executive Director

Cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn